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Public Health is A Public Trust.

The Journal is not in possession of the context of the three bills, numbered 64, 65 and 66, introduced by Senator Harris, but their titles seem to guarantee them as being measures fraught with good results to the state.

The first permits the state board of health "to employ a sanitary engineer"; the second authorizes the same body "to acquire and maintain a tuberculosis sanitarium," and the third confers upon the board the right "to adopt, promulgate and enforce rules for the betterment and protection of the public health." These bills have all been reported favorably and ordered to third reading.

Of course, there may be technical objectionable features in these measures, although we know nothing of them; but, on the whole, they certainly must provide means for a more consistent and effective war against disease than ever has been before undertaken in the state. And what political, economic or social problem may be rated along with the preservation of the public health through the cure of sickness and prevention of infections?

Good citizens in all parts of the commonwealth should unite in the hope that the legislature will adopt every measure necessary to confer the fullest power on the health authorities to carry out their beneficent plans. Should there be the slightest indication of apathy on the part of the legislature its members should be stirred to activity by a widespread and pronounced expression of disapproval on the part of their constituents.

PUBLIC HEALTH IS A PUBLIC TRUST.

"Tell the Truth and Shame the Devil."

Here is rather a curious bit of mystery picked up from the columns of the Miami News-Record:

It is being shrewdly guessed that a recent political deal will appreciably cool the ardor of a leading prohibitionist, and that state wide prohibition will not be pressed so hard as to hurt, now.

The News-Record, we know, is an anti-prohibition paper, but it is to be presumed that it has the interests of the state at heart and wishes to forward those interests in such manner as may seem right and proper in its eyes. But even the application of much dope to its conscience cannot make it believe that it is right to conceal the name of some political knave who it declares has made a "deal" so satisfactory to his own magnificent self that it will prevent his performance of a duty he owes to the people.

The citizens of Florida have the right to know the names of that kind of public servants. It is the duty of the News-Record to speak out without fear or favor. The state needs officers who will represent its interests, not their own, and who would scorn the idea of permitting a bribe offered to their ambition to influence their conduct when a question of public concern might be involved.

Speak out, brother. "Tell the truth and shame the devil." This mysterious hint, besides its unrighteous concealment of a name which, if the charge is true, should be published from one end of the state to the other and receive the stigma it merits, may cause suspicion to rest where it does not belong and besmirch some reputation which should be spotless.

District Attorney Jerome, of New York, seems to think his thumb broad enough and strong enough to suppress giddy Gotham under its pressure. He announced the other day that if the head of the police department were discharged and he were made absolutely responsible and given twenty men from the state's excise depart-

ment he would "close the saloons within three months as tight as a drum." The offer was a mighty one, but smacks of an exaggerated conception of self-importance, and one can't help thinking that he would find it easier for his strength of conscience to paint the "great White Way" red than for his mental and physical power to be equal to the task he would impose upon it—at least for the present.

An Oath's An Oath; Binding; Unalterable.

A lady wrote to Governor Gilchrist the other day pleading for the commutation of a murderer's sentence. The governor in reply sent the following letter, which The Journal wishes to place prominently before its readers:

I will state that after a grand jury of eighteen men has indicted a man for murder; after twelve men have unanimously, as a jury, decided him guilty; and after the judge and state's attorney who tried the case and heard all the evidence decide him to be guilty it would take very strong evidence to persuade me to undo the action of the court. If I were to turn loose such criminals on the state after the grand jury, judge, jury and state's attorney had declared them guilty, and if other murders should be committed, I would consider myself more or less responsible for the subsequent murders. The governor is responsible to the people for the good order of the state, so far as he is concerned. The turning loose of murderers, thereby encouraging other murders, I think, is wrong. It is not the governor who sentences convicted criminals—it is the law. If you are opposed to capital punishment you could possibly get the members of the legislature from your county to try to change that law. The governor of the state has taken an oath to protect and defend the laws and the constitution.

Comment is superfluous. The governor told the truth. An oath's an oath; binding, unalterable.

DEATH TO THE HOUSEFLY.

The revolution in Turkey didn't even cause a drumstick to "beat it."

Looks as though the Democratic senators had a surprise in store for the tariff tinkers.

Mexico is a republic, but, faith, there's considerable brutality in the enforcement of order.

BORN IN FILTH AND RAISED IN CORRUPTION THE HOUSEFLY DESERVES BUT ONE FATE—EXTIRMINATION.

The explosion of a nitro-glycerine plant does its work thoroughly—no cleaning up required afterward.

Woe be unto the land when there's meddling with the people's bread. Paris can tell the story.

An order it out to close the Chicago bucket shops—which do not empty into the wheat pit.

Florida's postmasters had great fun at their meeting in jolly Jacksonville—a regular red-letter time, in fact.

The Coopers have forty reasons for demanding a new trial. How many reasons are there against granting the request?

Of course Florida must present the handsomest sort of silver service to her nautical namesake. To be niggardly would be to invite everybody's censure.

The people of Louisiana and Mississippi had better commence offering prayers that the battleship Mississippi doesn't get stuck in the mud on its way to Latchez; for that would be a sockdolager in fact.

Congressman Frank Clark is technically right. He represents the people of the Second district, representatives in congress being chosen by the people, not by the state legislatures as is the case with senators. But the gentleman showed a burning desire to justify his recent reclatrance in the eyes of Florida solons,

which his defiant language Thursday night was by no means calculated to do. Of course, there is no knowing how the people of Mr. Clark's district may feel about it, but if they are the good Democrats they have been supposed they will scarcely look with favor upon a representative who assumes more wisdom and statesmanship than his party in the aggregate, and they will compel him to get back into the traces or else go out of service. Democrats who do not realize the paramount importance of a perfect organization and absolute unity of action during the present political crisis cannot be regarded as safe repositories of the people's confidence and sane agents for securing their best interests.

Mt. Aetna commenced erupting just as soon as Roosevelt's steamer was sighted from the coast of Sicily. What a hospitable land it is where even the mountains do their best to make a fellow feel at home.

Innocent brethren who are so cocksure that Taft is grieving his soul away because the tariff schedules are not being sufficiently reduced would do well to take a second "think" and remember to whom the president owes his election.

VOX POPULI.

SHORTER ROUTE TO MILTON IS PROPOSED.

Editor Pensacola Journal:
From a copy of The Journal I noticed that five autos that were purchased by parties in Milton had to go by way of Pollard, Ala., to get to their destination, something over 100 miles. Now, as our commissioners are working on the road to Ferry Pass, why could not the commissioners from the two counties get together and make a hard road to Milton, and get some enterprising man to build a trip with a gasoline motor? Then the trip could be made in a good deal less than two hours from start to finish. If no individual would undertake the ferry the two counties could do it jointly and would not be heavy on either. I am only making the suggestion and the details could be gone into later.

J. S. WALTON.

HINTS TO THE YOUNG GARDENERS.

Editor Pensacola Journal:
Just now we have hundreds of boys and girls in this city hard at work in their first efforts in gardening and if their first year's work is a success they will have obtained an education that will be valuable to them all through life.

Boys and girls, keep a note book and record what you accomplish. Don't be satisfied with scratching the ground. Work it deep either with the plow or with the spade, as this permits the nitrogen from the air, which is a valuable fertilizer, to penetrate the earth and reach the roots of the plants, and in dry times the moisture from below and from the air will more easily reach these same roots.

This is why we cultivate the soil. Ashes, although refuse matter and no longer used even in making soap, are valuable, and it pays to save and use them in the garden.

This is true of both wood and coal ashes, although wood ashes are worth more. Hard wood ashes contain about 7 per cent. potash, and soft wood ashes about 4 per cent.

This potash is wonderfully useful as a plant food. Wood ashes also contain about 2 per cent phosphoric acid and about 30 per cent of lime.

Potash and phosphoric acid are both essential soil ingredients for plant growth—lime sweetens sour soil and is frequently useful in all soil.

These are good for all garden crops and especially good for potatoes and other root crops, and for corn. From practical tests, potash or wood ashes is especially valuable in fertilizing all kinds of fruits, giving it larger growth and better and richer color, but in using, be careful not to put it too near the plant or the tree, as it will burn the plant and cause the bark of the tree to rot where the ashes touch it.

In winter time the ashes should be saved and kept in a dry place until needed for the garden. In riding about the city we frequently see coal ashes dumped in the roadway. This is wasting good material.

There is nothing better than coal ashes to scatter on the hen house floor or in the stable. They are good absorbers for liquids and gases and a natural excretia. They perform the double office of purifying animal quarters and at the same time holding valuable fertilizer elements from escaping. These fertilizers may be made nearly double in value by the liberal use of coal ashes. Have a large dry goods box or pen that you can keep covered, convenient to your garden. In this put everything that will make fertilizer for use when you need it. Fertilizer is the gardener's capital, but it must be put to use to get the interest. Tin cans and bones should be buried by the fruit trees as they are useful there and not especially ornamental scattered about the yard.

GEO. W. JOHNSTON.

PENSACOLA AND PENSACOLIANS

Not Very Hopeful.

Governor Gilchrist's intentions are no doubt good, but we are of the opinion that the usual result will follow the investigation of the lynching in Pensacola—no positive proof or conviction.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

Insult to Judge Sheppard.

We are glad that the insult to Judge W. B. Sheppard, of Pensacola, in Arcadia last week has brought forth such a storm of protests and indig-

THE LOAN SHARKS IN OTHER STATES

About Loan Sharks.

Two statements are made with frequency by harassed lenders of money to low-salaried men and needy housekeepers. These answers summarize the "loan shark's" defense.

Ten per cent. a month is the usual charge for money.

Ten per cent. a month is as low a rate as the sharks can charge and continue to do business.

Now, compare these statements with the following statistics:
The average capital invested in a loan office is somewhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000.
A typical loan office will show a profit of from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year.
If some clear thinking among the men engaged in the business will reconcile these figures, he will cast light into dark places. Our present opinion, based on a long investigation, is that the business, as now conducted by D. H. Tolman, Charles E. Stratton, S. J. Masters, John Mulholland, and their many rivals and imitators, is about all that it ought not to be. The poor man often has need to borrow. We ought to be able to arrange methods by which he can escape being skinned by the usurers. In some early issues we shall give details. Meanwhile our ears are attentive to all who wish to prove that the shark should earn one hundred per cent. a year on his investment.—Collier's Weekly.

Massachusetts in Arms.

The Warren anti-loan shark bill was substituted for the adverse report of a committee in the house of representatives on Beacon Hill today, by the overwhelming vote of 183 to 1.

Three men were "paired" against the bill; only one man was recorded as voting against it.

The lone opponent of the anti-loan shark bill was Representative Daniel J. Curley, Democrat, of ward 18, Boston. Curley remained at the state house only long enough to vote "no" on the loan shark bill. Then he went away.

The men paired against the bill were John J. Hayes of Charlestown, Hamlet S. Greenwood of Lowell, and Henry A. Ellis of Yarmouth, all of them attorneys, all of them members of the committee on legal affairs, and all signers of the "leave to withdraw" report which was almost unanimously overturned today.

Representative David Mancovitz of ward 8, Boston, who did not vote on the bill in the committee on legal affairs, was recorded today in favor of it. As a matter of plain fact and simple truth the anti-shark bill had no more valiant and no more effective support than that of Mr. Lomasney. It was the ward 8 leader who stripped the perfecting amendment of Thomas F. Grady of Boston into shreds and exposed Grady to the ridicule of the house.

One hundred and ninety of the 230-

nation from the best people of Georgia. The claws of justice's courts in that state are now to be clipped by the legislature.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

Has Changed His Mind.

Several weeks ago the sheriff of Escambia county announced that he proposed to enforce every law upon the statute books with reference to the observance of Sunday. But now he has changed his mind and Sunday observance in many things has gone glimmering, although no laws have been repealed and the statutes are just as clear now as they were a month ago. Any law not enforced should be wiped from the statute books.—Iverson's Chronicle.

Pensacola Lynching.

Judge Lynch still holds court in Pensacola, notwithstanding the drastic measures resorted to by Sheriff Van Pelt to dethrone him some months ago. A negro was lynched there Monday morning for the murder of a policeman.—Bartow Courier-Informant.

New Steamer Line.

Pensacola, New Orleans, Mobile and Apalachicola will be the points between which a 400-ton steamship will be operated by the Wefting Transportation Company, which has just been organized at Apalachicola, with Geo. Wefting as manager.—Fort Pierce Tribune.

A Popular Bill.

Hon. John P. Stokes, of Escambia, is the author of and will champion a "loan shark" bill to prohibit the rascally business of the loan sharks in robbing the poor. This bill will be one of the best measures presented to the present legislature and will be a popular law with the people. The Hon. Mr. Stokes will be one of those members of the present lower house to shape legislation in that body.—Havana News.

Vigorous Investigation.

The vigor with which the investigation into the lynching of the negro, Alexander, last Monday, is being conducted by the Pensacola authorities, and the action of the governor in demanding results therefrom will probably teach the lawless in that city that it is no safer to commit murder in a crowd than individually. Any violence offered Sheriff Van Pelt would only make the case of the lynchers of Alexander more hopeless for them.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Beard in Limelight.

Hon. John Beard of Pensacola has been in the limelight at Tallahassee this week. He first moved to lay on the table that part of Governor Gilchrist's message recommending the making a state holiday of Lincoln's birthday. He next introduced a bill for the prohibition of state-wide prohibition without submitting the question to a vote of the people; also another prohibiting the drinking of intoxicants on trains.—Key West Citizen.

Envy, or What?

This is the way The Pensacola Journal talks about the opening of the legislature: "On the glorious Sabbath morning, when the far-famed

odd members of the house were recorded on the roll call vote. It was the distinction of Representative Thomas J. Fay of ward 18, who made an entertaining speech against the sharks on the first day of the debate, to be acting speaker when the roll was called. Fay handled the gavel to good purpose.

Grady of ward 6, who had been insisting that he was as stoutly opposed to loan sharks as anybody, did not vote at all.—Boston (Mass.), Traveler.

Crusade in Iowa.

The crusade against "loan sharks," which is being agitated by Dr. Clarence W. Wassam, calls for the approbation and encouragement of every thoughtful citizen of the state of Iowa.

The "loan shark," and the details of his business, have been so frankly and frequently exposed by the newspapers of the country during the last few years that it seems scarcely needful to describe his methods of making usurious profits. It might be stated, however, that the victims of the nefarious loan system are always indigent, usually ignorant persons. By specious promises and a well feigned generosity the "loan shark" induces unfortunates to become his debtors. For months after a man has borrowed money from this sort of a loan office his efforts to pay the principal are laughed away. The interest thus is allowed to accumulate until it amounts to more than the sum originally borrowed. A man who borrows, say \$25 frequently pays many times that amount before he can escape the clutches of the "shark."

That "loan sharks" are doing business in this state is a well known fact. Dr. Wassam's campaign against them is timely and, it is to be hoped, will not be fruitless.—Des Moines (Ia.) Tribune.

The Idaho Variety.

The agitation against the loan shark continues unabated in the East, Western states, having practically no legislation on the subject, should watch the contest closely and profit by the experience of those commonwealths who have felt the paining effect of the shark's "touch." Thousands of cases are recorded of salaried people, falling into the clutches of "Uncle Samuel," being reduced to desperate straits because of the Shylock exactions and the merciless exactions. The loan sharks declare 10 per cent. a month as low a rate as they can charge and continue in business. Statistics show the average capital invested in these establishments is \$5,000 to \$10,000 and that the average profit is \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year. It seems the country could manage to get on without that class and that some means could be devised whereby the poor man who is forced occasionally to borrow would not be compelled to submit to the outrageous demands of unscrupulous money changers.—Boise (Idaho) Statesman.

red hills of Leon are bathed in a flood of sunshine and the purple mists of the surrounding valley are melting away—when the vernal robes of spring are displayed in all their gorgeous splendor and nature is clothed in the vesture of celestial beauty and imbued with the charms of paradise, the pious turn to matters of church, the political to matters of state." Wow!—Miami News-Record.

About Loan Sharks.

Hon. John P. Stokes of Pensacola, representative from Escambia county, has recently exposed, through the columns of the popular Pensacola Journal, the iniquitous and outrageous oppressions of a class of city money lenders whom he styles "loan sharks" and from his description, and there's no doubt but he relates facts of daily occurrence, those heartless oppressors and despoilers of the poor and unfortunate ought right now to be wearing convict stripes, and expiating their cruel deeds in the convict camps. No doubt Mr. Stokes will introduce, in this session of the legislature, such amendatory measures as will hereafter effectually prevent the greedy "loan sharks" of our cities and towns from preying on the poor and unfortunate.—Blountstown Democrat.

Reward For Proof.

A mob raided the city prison of Pensacola on Monday morning, overpowering the officers by force of arms, and took a negro prisoner, Dave Alexander, from the prison and hanged him in the Plaza. When strung up by a rope the body of the negro wasiddled with bullets. Alexander had confessed to the murder of Police Officer R. J. Carter. The city council, of Pensacola, has offered rewards for proof to convict the members of the mob. The lynching has been called to the attention of Governor Gilchrist, who promises to make a thorough investigation before he acts in the matter.—Apalachicola Times.

The Danger Threatened.

Try to observe the law, Pensacola had another lynching. A negro who had committed a brutal murder was taken from the jail and lynched. The whole community will suffer because of this act of a mob. We can not afford to condone such lawlessness. It is bad enough when the mob acts for the nameless crime against a helpless woman. But in this case in the Deep Water City there was no danger of the criminal escaping the severe penalty of the law. Such acts encourage the mob spirit, always sleeping in human breasts, and crying for swift vengeance. This spirit, if not checked or restrained, will overturn all courts and turn our Southland into a waste, barbarous section.—Arcadia Champion.

What is the Matter?

At Pensacola an officer who dared to push the investigation of the recent brutal lynching there was beaten into insensibility Saturday; at Lakeland the late lynching has been allowed to pass without even a pretense at punishing the guilty perpetrators; at Arcadia "all is quiet" after the lynching Saturday; at Tampa a prominent citizen was assassinated

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NOTICE

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is hereby called at request of five members for Saturday, April 17, at 12, noon, to consider the proposed constitutional amendment relative to state prohibition in its relation to the commercial interests of Pensacola.

G. A. Waterman, Sec'y. H. H. Thornton, President.

Primary Announcements.

FOR CITY PHYSICIAN.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of City Physician, subject to the action of the white Democratic primaries.
E. F. BRUCE, M. D.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of City Physician, subject to the action of the white Democratic primary.
S. E. MALLORY KENNEDY.

FOR BUILDING INSPECTOR.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate in the white Democratic primary for re-election as Building Inspector.
JOHN D. RENDALL.

I hereby announce my candidacy for Building Inspector, subject to the action of the white Democratic primary.
JAS. M. JOHNSON.

FOR PRECINCT ALDERMAN, NO. 12.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Precinct Alderman, Precinct No. 12, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.
JOHN G. OLIVER.

I hereby announce my candidacy for Precinct Alderman from Precinct No. 12, subject to the action of the white Democratic Primary.
MAX L. BEAR.

FOR PRECINCT ALDERMAN, NO. 13.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for Precinct Alderman from Precinct No. 13, subject to the action of the white Democratic primaries, and will appreciate the support of all voters.
E. MEADE WILSON.

FOR PRECINCT ALDERMAN, NO. 15.
I hereby announce my candidacy for Precinct Alderman from Precinct No. 15, subject to the action of the white Democratic primary, and respectfully ask the support of all voters.
J. E. CONCANNON.

I hereby announce my candidacy for Precinct Alderman from Precinct No. 15, subject to the action of the white Democratic primary, and respectfully ask the support of all voters.
SAM ROSENAU.

Saturday night, and there is "no clue" to the identity of the murderers. What is the matter with the enforcement of law in Florida?—St. Petersburg Independent.

Stuart's Buchu and Juniper is the most reliable remedy known for kidney and bladder trouble. 50c. all druggists.

To-day is Candy Day at The Crystal. To-day The Crystal Pharmacy will give a souvenir box of Whitman's Fine Candies to each cash purchaser of 25 cents or over.

McKINNONVILLE.

Special to The Journal.
McKinnonville, April 15.—Mrs. D. C. Henderson entertained a few friends one evening last week in honor of her sister, Miss Jeanie Burns, of Beatrice, Ala.

Mrs. Sam Turner is very ill with pneumonia.

Dr. Kilpatrick, of Pine Barren, made a professional call here Friday last.

Masters Alex. Jernigan and Crawford Turner were visitors to Pine Barren on Saturday last.

Darling Beck, of Enon, passed through here last Sunday.

J. M. Mullins, of Muscogee, was a business caller here Monday.

Karl Henderson and Miss Jeanie Burns attended church at Walnut Hill last Sunday.

Agnew Thompson, of Pleasant Grove, was a pleasant caller here Sunday afternoon.

Dan McCaskill is suffering with a severe cold this week.

Mrs. James Gullede, who has been quite ill for the past week, is much improved now.

E. D. Burrows attended services at

A HELPING HAND

Is Gladly Extended by a Pensacola Citizen.

There are many enthusiastic citizens in Pensacola prepared to tell their experience for the public good. Testimony from such a source is the best of evidence, and will prove a "helping hand" to scores of readers. Read the following statement:

C. L. Brown, Perdido wharf, Pensacola, Fla., says: "Both my wife and self have used Doan's Kidney Pills and the results were all that could be wished for. Some years ago my wife was suffering from kidney trouble and this disease had afflicted her for a long time. She used Doan's Kidney Pills and they cured her so effectively that she has never had a return of the trouble. At times hard work causes my back to ache, but on such occasions, a few doses of Doan's Kidney Pills always drives the pain away. I know of several other people in Pensacola who have procured Doan's Kidney Pills at The Crystal Pharmacy and used them with entire satisfaction. I have never heard anyone speak of this remedy except in the very highest terms."

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